

WEST VIRGINIA FLOOD CLAIMS OVER HUNDRED LIVES

20,000 TAKEN
PRISONERS AT
GORIZIA FALL

Italians Also Claim Capture of
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of Guns.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE
ADVANCE IN GALICIA

Occupy Railway Junction of
Krypin—British Con-
tinue Steady
Pressure.

International News Service:
ROME, Aug. 10.—More than 20,000 prisoners were taken when the Italians captured the Austro-Hungarian fortress of Gorizia on Wednesday, the war office reported today.

Great stores of war supplies, including batteries of guns and provisions, were taken.

The Italians are pursuing the retreating Austro-Hungarian army and have now reached a point several miles east of the captured stronghold.

The following official statement was issued:

"The number of prisoners taken at Gorizia has reached 21,750, but these figures are constantly being increased. Depots of provisions and ammunition were found intact by our troops and batteries of heavy guns were captured."

RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 10.—The Russians are continuing their advance in Galicia. In the neighborhood of the Austro-Hungarian stronghold of Stanislaw, the forces of Gen. Lechitsky have occupied the railway junction of Krypin.

The war office statement follows: "On the right bank of the Koropiec, we have reached the Monasterzyska-Niznolow railway, and also the mouth of the Zlota Lipa. In the region of Tysmenia, we are pursuing the enemy in a northwesterly direction and occupied the right bank of the Brzyszcza. On the line of Stanislaw and Nadolowna we have captured the railway junction of Krypin.

"We have advanced in the region of the Bialy-Czeremosz and Sutchaya rivers.

EXERT STEADY PRESSURE.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The British continue to exert steady pressure against the German positions northwest of Pozieres and further ground was gained there last night.

The British war office in an official statement, issued this forenoon, stated that the night on the Somme front was generally quiet except in the Pozieres sector where an advance was carried out.

Seventy-two prisoners were taken during the fighting.

The district where the combat is in progress lies on the high ridge across which passes the Albert-Bapaume highway.

The British guns are keeping up a continued fire against Bapaume and the city has been wrecked by the rain of shells. Fire amidst the ruins is frequent.

RAIN HINDERS OPERATIONS.

PARIS, Aug. 10.—Rain and fog are hindering military operations in the Somme region, the French war office announced today. Despite the weather handicap, the French reported further progress at Hem wood.

A surprise attack by the Germans, who used liquid fire in the attempt at Verduno Villers, was repulsed by the French.

International News Service:
BERLIN, Aug. 10.—British troops on the Somme have launched fresh pressure against the Germans south of the Albert-Bapaume highway, but without any result.

The war office in its statement today said that the British attempted an attack against the German positions at Bazentin-le-Petit, but that it was repulsed.

On the eastern front 242 more prisoners have been captured by the Germans in the region of Zarocze, it was said.

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New-Times Special Service:
ROCHESTER, Ind., Aug. 10.—

Mrs. Loretta Barnhart, wife of Congressman Henry A. Barnhart, died at Rochester this morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Barnhart was 56 years old and had been ill for 12 weeks from an enlarged thyroid gland and a lesion of the heart.

Mrs. Barnhart was recently removed from the John Hopkins hospital at Baltimore where she had been under the care of specialists.

She was born in Cass county and lived in Rochester since 1885.

Besides her husband, two sons, Hugh A. of Indianapolis, Dean Lefell of Rochester, and a foster daughter, Mrs. Henry Bailey of Peru, survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday.

KITCHIN SEEKS
DATA ON ALLIES'
BOYCOTT PLAN

Democratic House Leader
Considers Whether Congress
Should Act.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Agitation in congress for measures to relieve foreign trade from the boycott imposed by the allied blacklist today resulted in a demand that the state department furnish information as to operation of the blacklists. Majority Leader Claude Kitchin, in an informal letter to the department asked for complete data as to the ban placed on American firms, the results of the blacklist on American business and what steps have been taken by the executive branch of the government to meet the situation.

The democratic house leader sent with his letter copies of the confidential blacklists, and other as preliminary declared. "I believe in protection without a buzz and I believe it to be perfectly possible."

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21 CHILDREN AT
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Rose Toth Found to be Suffer-
ing With Contagious
Disease Thursday.

Twenty-one little children at the Circle of Mercy day nursery were exposed to diphtheria Wednesday by the presence in the house of Rose Toth, who was examined by Dr. J. B. Berteling this morning and said to have diphtheria.

Mrs. Michael Toth, 1528 Kendall av., mother of two children, Rose and Paul, for some time past has left them at the nursery while she was at work.

Last night when Mrs. Toth went to visit the children, Mrs. A. Reimbolt, who is in charge at the institution, said that Rose was ill and that she should be taken to a physician. Then the mother took the child to the "European Medical Institute," 301 S. Chapin st., where she was examined by Dr. F. F. Deer, head physician. Mrs. Toth then returned to the nursery with the little girl, said that the doctor had told her that there was no danger and returned home.

Early this morning Mrs. Reimbolt noticed that Rose was very ill and called Dr. J. B. Berteling. Dr. Berteling pronounced the child a victim of diphtheria and ordered her taken away at once.

Deer Makes Statement.
Regarding the case, Dr. Deer said this afternoon:

"Last night at about 6 o'clock the mother brought her little girl and boy to my office. The boy had been here some time ago for a treatment for stomach trouble. Mrs. Toth said that the girl was sick and after examining her, I was of the opinion that she might be suffering from tonsillitis. Her tonsils were enlarged and red. I swabbed out her throat and told the mother to bring her back in the morning."

"There were no symptoms of diphtheria when I examined the child last night. There was absolutely no false or pseudo membrane in her throat. Diphtheria is a gradual sickness, and the mother said that the child had been suddenly taken ill. My diagnosis of the case was that it was tonsillitis. I would not even now say that it was diphtheria unless a laboratory examination had been made."

"The woman did not bring the child to my office this morning."

Give Anti-Toxin Treatment.

Dr. J. B. Berteling, Charles Rosenberg, secretary of the board of health, and J. Gookin visited the nursery this afternoon and administered the anti-toxin treatment to all of the children.

The Circle of Mercy nursery was established some time ago for the purpose of caring for children whose mothers were at work and could not watch their children in the day time.

CLERK IN FUNSTON'S
OFFICE IS SUICIDE

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 10.—Leaving behind him a note assigning his deed to domestic troubles, S. C. Conover of Dayton, O., a clerk in the office of Maj. Gen. Funston, shot himself and was found dead in the room of a local hotel today.

STARTS EVENING EDITION.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 10.—The Lafayette Journal, for many years the leading daily newspaper of Lafayette and Tippecanoe county today launched an evening edition, the first issue containing 16 pages.

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EXPECT ACTION
TO PREVENT A
STRIKE SOON

Federal Board of Mediation
Holds 55-Minute Session
With Representatives
of Trainmen.

EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT
DIVERTED FROM PLANS

Declare They Have Not Re-
ceded From Demands For
Eight Hour Day—No
Need For Wilson Yet.

International News Service:
NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—The federal board of mediation and conciliation held a 55 minutes' meeting with the delegates of the railroad employees today at which the preliminary steps were taken to avert a strike on 225 American railroads.

After the meeting no formal statement was issued but it was reported that a definite decision in some direction might be made within 24 hours.

G. W. W. Hangar, the third member of the federal board, was asked if an appeal would be made to Pres. Wilson, but he replied that events had not proceeded to the state where such action was necessary.

The board afterwards made preparations to hold a second conference with the railroad presidents in the afternoon.

Make No Concessions.

Just before the meeting of the mediators and the railroad presidents, Mr. Garretson was asked if the men had made any concessions at their meeting with the federal board this morning.

"We are not diverting from our original position," answered the executive of the Order of Railway Conductors. The situation stands now just as it did before."

The meeting was the first direct contact between the employees and the federal organization which is attempting to prevent a strike of 400,000 employees of American railroads. There were about 600 delegates from the four organizations of the "big four" present. The chief spokesmen for the men were W. S. Stone, executive of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; W. G. Lee, head of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; A. J. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and W. S. Carter, of the Order of Engineers and Firemen.

G. W. W. Hangar, the third member of the mediation board was asked today as to what steps had been taken at the meeting with the railroad presidents last night, but he refused to commit himself.

Wilson Keeps in Touch.
Pres. Wilson is understood to be keeping in close touch with the developments in the railroad situation. Although no statement was given out it is reported that the managers, who represent railroad companies operating 330,000 miles of track, laid statistics before the federal mediators showing that the demands of the men could not be granted without disturbing the economics of the nation.

Elisha Lee, chairman of the railroad managers, is skeptical as to the possibilities of arbitration, but is hopeful that the troubles can be settled without resorting to any action which might prove harmful to the business of the country.

The federal board is hearing the arguments of both sides and it is expected that after these are fully digested, proposals will be made with an object of satisfying both the employers and employees.

The possibility exists that Pres. Wilson may be appealed to but developments have not yet reached a principal of which such action is necessary.

Before meeting the mediators the leaders of the men held a meeting in Webster hall at which the situation was carefully canvassed and a line of action in the joint meeting with the federal board was decided upon.

VIENNA IS ANGERED AT
DEFENSE OF GORIZIA

LONDON, Aug. 10.—A wave of indignation is sweeping Vienna over the fall of Gorizia, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. The public considers the town was not properly defended. The dispatch adds that Archduke Joseph will probably be speedily recalled. Austrian socialists are starting an agitation favoring a separate peace. It is being secretly encouraged by the government.

FORMER INDIANAN
PROMINENT IN PUBLIC
AFFAIRS IS DEAD

International News Service:
CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—Funeral services are to be held here tomorrow afternoon for Charles F. Coffin, long prominent in church and public affairs in Indiana and Illinois, and the body will then be taken to Richmond, Ind., for burial. Mr. Coffin, who was 93 years old, died here late yesterday. He was born in North Carolina, lived 50 years in Wayne county, Indiana, and came to Chicago 30 years ago. He helped establish the Quaker church in the west and devoted many years to the work of prison relief.



Robert I. Hunt, at left, new U. S. assistant treasurer at Chicago, giving receipt for \$120,000,000 to Irving Shuman, at right, the retiring official.

INSISTS RAILROAD
SECRETS BE TOLD

Counsel Folk Files Brief De-
manding Smith Tell
Where Money Goes.

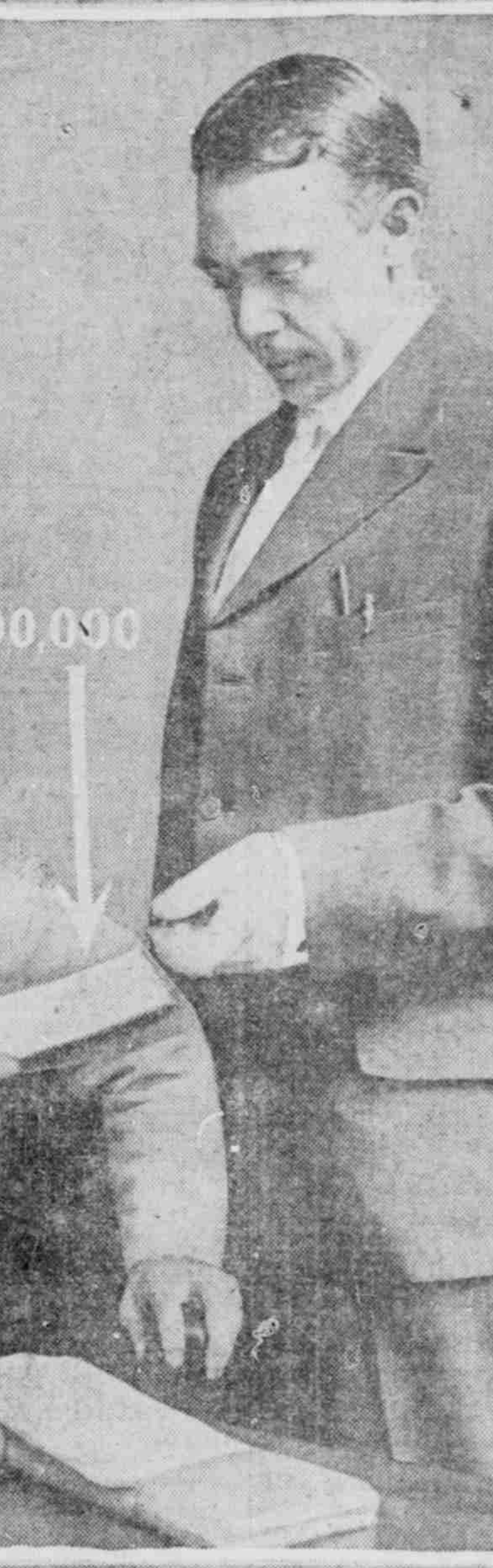
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Insisting that it is illegal for a railroad to have any secrets from the people, Chief Counsel Joseph W. Folk, on behalf of the interstate commerce commission, today filed in the supreme court of the District of Columbia a brief in support of the commission's petition asking that Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville and Nashville railway, be compelled to answer questions put to him by the commission. These interrogations pertain to alleged political campaign contributions, the hiring of legislative lobbyists and the using of railroad funds to create public sentiment in favor of the railroad.

The suit is a sequel to the investigation of the Louisville and Nashville instigated following a resolution offered by Sen. Luke Lea of Tennessee, and adopted by the senate, directing an inquiry of the company's financial affairs. Sen. Lea personally filed with the commission a complaint alleging that the railroad was using passes and bribes to corrupt politicians in legislatures of the states through which the railroad operates.

Smith Refuses to Answer.
Pres. Smith of the Louisville and Nashville, who has been chief executive of the road since 1884, was a picturesque witness at the investigation. He declined to give the commission details of the road's financial operations, declaring that a railroad had two sides—a public and a private one—and that privacy was invaded by a governmental demand to know what was done with the road's money.

Counselor Folk's brief argues that the government has complete supervision over interstate railroads and that no expenditures can be properly deemed as private if the stockholders' money is spent. Without such supervision, railroads can be wrecked and stockholders ruined, the brief argues. The court has set Wednesday, Aug. 16, for oral argument of the case.

Some Lose Change



Robert I. Hunt, at left, new U. S. assistant treasurer at Chicago, giving receipt for \$120,000,000 to Irving Shuman, at right, the retiring official.

PARALYSIS FIGURES
SHOW A DECREASE

International News Service:
NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Infantile paralysis figures for the last 24 hours show a drop in both the number of new cases and of deaths. The figures given out today were 175 new cases, compared with 183 yesterday, and 38 deaths, compared with 57 yesterday. The total cases to date number 5,827 and the deaths 1,298.

AUSTRIANS FLEE
BEFORE ITALIANS

Prepare For Strong Defense
of Trieste, Enemy's
New Objective.

ROME, Aug. 10.—The Austrians, pursued by the Italian cavalry, following the fall of Gorizia with the capture of thousands of prisoners, are reported today to have abandoned nearly all their chief positions on the Isonzo.

This very indication is that more success will follow. Occupation of Gorizia would be precarious if the Carso plateau remained in Austrian hands, for the city is in a hollow, surrounded by steep heights on three sides and commanded by mountain peaks on the fourth.

The immediate objective of the Italians now is Trieste. There is to be heavy fighting before that city is taken, because the Austrians have several positions to fall back upon.

Further reports from the fighting at Gorizia show that it was of the most desperate character. Houses were captured one after another by the Italians, who threw the Austrian defenders out of the windows. The castle was taken at the point of the bayonet and the Italian flag hoisted on it.

The correspondent of the corriere d'Italia, at the front, wires as follows: "Gorizia's military establishments were bombarded for three days. A ring of fire encircled the city. Two buildings, housing troops, were demolished. The members of the command were all killed or wounded. The loss among the troops was heavy. The civilian population evacuated the city on Sunday."

HINDENBURG RULE
AGAIN CURTAILED

German Field Marshal Sur-
renders Part of Com-
mand to Austrians.

BERNE, Aug. 10.—After being in supreme command of all the armies on the east front for a short time, the power of Field Marshal von Hindenburg was then curtailed, according to a dispatch received here today setting forth hidden passages of the military history of the central powers. Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria was persuaded to give over control of the Austro-Hungarian armies in the eastern theater to von Hindenburg and on Aug. 2 the German marshal assumed absolute command. After a few days the armies were taken out of the control of the German general and placed under Archduke Karl Franz Joseph. The field under von Hindenburg now includes, in addition to the armies he formerly commanded, those of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, Gen. von Linsingen and Gen. Boehm-Ermolli, and extends to Tarnopol.

International News Service:
PETROGRAD, Aug. 10.—The Austro-Hungarian base of Stanislaw, in Galicia, is under heavy artillery fire by the Russians and its capture is expected momentarily. At last reports the Russians were only five miles from the city and were pressing onward.

The army of Gen. Lechitsky, which has been the most successful in the group commanded by Gen. Brusilov, is driving northward against Stanislaw, overcoming all opposition to the Tectons.

The capture of Stanislaw has been an overwhelming stroke in the enterprise of the Russians against Lemberg, and would put the army of Gen. von Bothmer in such peril as to compel its immediate retreat from the strip line.

SHIP SUNK IN NORTH SEA.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The Norwegian steamer Thore Haffte of 353 tons, has been sunk in the North sea, by a mine, Lloyds announced today.

TOWN OF 500
SWEEP AWAY
SAYS REPORT

Death Toll Following Cloud-
burst in Narrow Creek
Valleys Expected to
Reach 125.

EXCURSION TRAIN IS
REPORTED TO BE SAFE

Gov. Hatfield Orders State
Militia to Stricken Dis-
trict to Direct Work
of Relief.

International News Service:
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 10.—The town of Jarodis Valley, 500 population on the Coal river in Boone county, is said to have been completely washed away by yesterday's cloudburst and at least 75 drowned.

International News Service:
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 10.—A battalion of National guardsmen under Maj. Lester Hidenour, arrived after noon in the Cabin Creek, Paint Creek and Coal river districts, which was devastated by a cloudburst yesterday, and took charge of the rescue work.

This afternoon 14 bodies had been recovered in the Coal river and Cabin creek districts. They were taken to undertaking establishments at East Bank and Cabin Creek junction. The body of Mrs. Bradley of Cherokee, was identified by relatives of Bradley. This information was brought here this afternoon by telephone, the first from the flooded section.

International News Service:
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 10.—With a death toll now estimated at 125, property loss of over two million dollars, and the destruction of the homes of 10,000 persons, the greatest flood in the history of West Virginia swept through the narrow valleys of Paint creek, Cabin creek and Coal river yesterday. Owing to the destruction of all means of communication, and the innocence character of the devastated region, news of the disaster did not reach the outside world until an early hour this morning.

Gov. Hatfield was at Huntington for the state republican convention, to be held today when he was aroused from his bed and told of the flood. He immediately ordered second regiment, West Virginia national guard, now mobilized at Camp Hatfield, to the scene on a special train with tents, clothing and food supplies and left for Cabin creek himself as quickly as possible. All wire communication with the flooded region is wiped out, bridges swept away and railroad tracks destroyed. An official of Chesapeake and Ohio railroad estimates that it will be two weeks before traffic can be resumed. The yards at Kayford, were transformed into a mass of debris and will have to be entirely rebuilt. It is feared that more complete reports will show that the present estimates of loss of life are too small.

EXCURSION TRAIN SAFE.
A report that the picnic excursion train which is marooned between two points on Coal river is safe, reached here today. There is no train or wire communication with the district swept by the cloudburst. Relief parties and newspapermen who have gone to the scene have not yet been heard from. It is necessary to travel by horseback as the roads are not passable for automobiles or motorcycles in most of the sections. The report that a second train is marooned is incorrect. Stanislaw is not in the district.

It is not believed here that the death list will go above fifty or sixty and that not less than thirty lives have been lost.

It is not possible to place an estimate on the property damage.

The West Virginia national guard, ordered to rescue duty by Gov. Hatfield, will not be able to reach the afflicted region before this afternoon. They will take food and tents for those whose homes have been carried away.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 10.—At least 30 persons were drowned in yesterday's floods, according to reports reaching here this morning. Twenty-three bodies are reported to have been taken out of Cabin creek at the mining town of Cabin creek, while several other bodies have been recovered at points around that town.